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## HIS WILL BE DONE

Woman given three months to live is keeping hope alive

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Icesola Powers wasn't expecting a couple hundred people to serenade her with "Happy Birthday" Saturday as she walked into her church.

Her 67th birthday was still three days away and her daughter, Patricia Oliver, had given her no indication of where they were headed when they left the house. Oliver's only instructions to her mom were to dress to impress - something that has never been a problem for Powers, whose style, and substance, is well known. Powers looked the picture of good health and contentment Saturday. Her black and sheer gown was a gift from her daughter; she strutted around in matching heels with the precision of a supermodel and her shiny, well-kept curls would make even Shirley Temple envious.

The picture looks much different inside of Powers' body - x-rays and scans



The Rev. Zavior Pratt says a prayer for Icesola Powers.

Photos by Kevin Walker

can attest to that. Over the last year, she has battled cancer like a highly decorated soldier. It first was discovered in her lungs. Radiation and prayer - not necessarily in that order - cleared that up. New spots were found later in her jaw and sinus passages -



Pat Oliver

swelling her face, which is soft, kind and defies her age. This second assault from cancer was also successfully treated; but the war wasn't over. Just 10 days before her surprise party, doctors found cancer in her stomach. It is so involved and developed

that they have given Powers only three months to live. There will be no treatment for the stomach cancer - no medical treatment, at least.

"When they first found the cancer, I felt I could not

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File Photo  
Hundreds have signed up for the trip.

## Locals going to D.C. protest

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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With the number of U.S. soldiers killed during the Iraq conflict climbing to more than 3,000 and President George W. Bush calling for the deployment of even more troops, opposition to the war is gaining momentum.

Even in Winston-Salem, anti-war efforts are on the rise, as more than 140 local residents gear up to participate in a march on Washington, D.C. Jan. 27.

The march is sponsored by United for Peace & Justice (UPJ), a coalition of more than 1,300 organizations nationwide.

Founded in 2002, the coalition has been the catalyst for hundreds of anti-war demonstrations since its inception. The march on Washington is the latest of the UPJ's efforts to stop the Iraq War, with coordinators in more than 30 states pledging to bring protesters to the National Mall.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church is gathering protesters from the Winston-Salem area to travel to Washington, D.C. on Saturday.

The church became interested in the anti-war effort last October, forming an Iraq Study Group. Since that time, the church has participated in several demonstrations and peace keeping efforts.

The trip to the nation's capital will be the first attempt spearheaded by the church.

"We believe the war in Iraq is an unjust war, that the people of Iraq should be permitted to determine their future and that, in the absence of a draft, imposing on our relatively few young men and women in the military, the obligation to undertake multiple assignments in that war is immoral," read a letter from the church that urged citizens to take a stand against the war. "For those reasons, St. Anne's Episcopal Church have sponsored a group to consider how to speed the safe departure of our troops from Iraq and to end our role in the spiraling violence in that country."

Longtime church mem- See Protest on A9

## Civil Rights 'dean' comes to the Triad

BY TODD LUCK  
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GREENSBORO - The Rev. Joseph Lowery, known as the "dean of the Civil Rights Movement," spoke to a crowd of over 700 people at the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration last week at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



Photo by Todd Luck  
The Rev. Joseph Lowery at UNC-G last week.

Lowery, 85, began his work in civil rights fighting segregation in his native Alabama. Together with King he formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and organization of black churches throughout the South that formed the backbone of the Civil Rights Movement. He is also co-founder of the Black Leadership

Forum, which brings together black advocacy groups. Despite his retirement from the pulpit and the SCLC, he is still involved in civil rights issues. Last year, he made headlines when he criticized the policies of the Bush administration at Coretta Scott King's funeral, which President George Bush attended.

"I'm neither Republican or Democrat. I'm Methodist," said Lowery last week. "I've got a problem with both parties: one of them takes us for granted and the other just takes us."

Lowery's spirited speaking style had the crowd laughing, cheering and applauding on their feet. He said he considered MLK day not just a holiday but a holy day. He described King as a selfless man dedicated to justice.

"Scholar, preacher, prophet, teacher, crusader, healer, agitator, disturber. You the man, Martin," said Lowery.

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State Rep. Larry Womble chats with a WSSU student.

Photos by Layla Farmer

## Legislators visit WSSU

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem State University students had the opportunity to come face to face with members of the N.C. General Assembly last week through a Lawmaker Appreciation Event, hosted by Harry Johnson, an organizing fellow for Common Cause N.C.

Common Cause N.C., a nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy organization for government reform, recently launched a pilot program on the campuses of Winston-Salem State and N.C. Central University in Durham to encourage students' involvement in and understanding of governmental processes.

Johnson, a senior political science major at WSSU, is spearheading the program at WSSU.

"I think that it's very



Harry Johnson

important for students to be involved in political reform," he said. "Politics affect you from the day you're born until the day you die. They're very, very important and they have a lot of impact on our lives, for students and citizens of this state. I want to help ... push for a change in our communities and in the state."

State Reps. Earline

Parmon and Larry Womble joined State Sens. Linda Garrou, Bill McGee and Pete Brunstetter on the panel, fielding questions and concerns from the students in attendance. All the elected officials represent Forsyth County.

Discussions ranged from the need for increases in financial aid to the cutting of programs, even ways of contacting and supporting delegates. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the university system, seemed to be on the minds of nearly every delegate.

"I've lived in Winston-Salem for almost 40 years, and I can't tell you how proud I am of all of the changes that are taking place here at Winston-Salem State. I'm honored to be a part of that," stated Garrou, who co-chairs the Appropriations Committee.

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